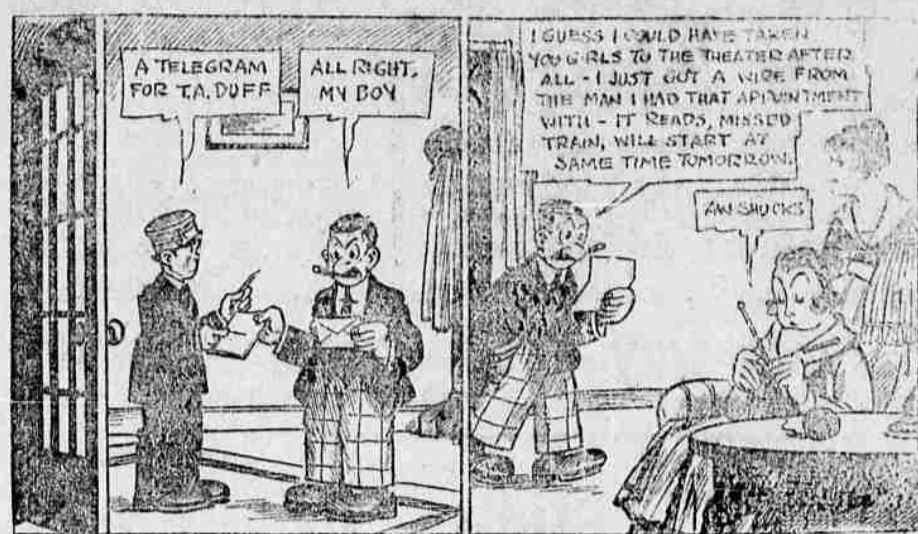


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SPORTS

Ted Thye, Spokane wrestler, got a decision over Chris Gesek, of Tacoma, at The Dalles Monday.

Winchester Bay—Logging camp to be opened on Umpqua near here.

Gold Beach—Cheese factory to be established in Pistol river district.

Good to Have in the House. Coughs, colds, croup and grippe are prevalent. Colds promptly checked mean saving of time, money and health. Pneumonia and other serious illness may follow a neglected cold. T. F. Lynch, 100 Spring Ave., DuBois, Pa., writes: "For many years we have kept Foley's Honey and Tar in the house and it has saved many dollars in doctors' bills. It is fine for colds." A child's health is too precious to risk giving imitations or substitutes; insist on Foley's. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

If Germany Wins—"If Germany wins this is what we shall eat," was the striking sign in a downtown window during the Liberty loan campaign, above a pile of small and unattractive vegetables. Hadn't you rather go without a few luxuries now than come to the hardships which would surely be yours under the Prussian dominion? Food conservation is no fad, no joke, but a vital factor in the war. Do you know how to conserve? Come to the public library and read the books and magazines how to do it. "Every day Dishes Better Made," Good Housekeeping, August, page 88; Farmer, Boston, cooking school cook book; "Preparation of Vegetables for the table," (Farmer's Bulletin 2563); "Can You Cook a Potato?" Garden Magazine, November page 134; "Putting Your Garden on the Table," Ladies' Home Journal, July, page 37; "Stretching a Roast," Ladies Home Journal, October, page 62.

Coos Bay has eight government ships under construction.

The Observer's Classified Ads.

HELP WANTED

MEMBER YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN wanted to prepare for telegraph service, to help fill vacancies caused by unusual drafting of men for war; positions guaranteed. Call or write Telegraph Department, Room 504 Panama Bldg., Portland, or Railway Telegraph Institute, Spokane, Wash. 12-12-17

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FOR SALE—Livestock.

FOR SALE—Pigs. Eric Carlson, May Park. 12-12-17-18.

FOR SALE—Household Goods

FOR SALE—Household goods. Call Black 3592. 12-11-17.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A red hog near Island City. Farmers 164. 12-11-17-18

LOST—One black yearling filly, branded circle N on left shoulder. Reward. J. W. H. Nebeker, Route 1, La Grande. 12-10-17-18

LOST OR STRAYED—Gray mare, weight 1350; \$4 on left shoulder. Strayed from Galloway ranch at Elgin about three weeks ago. Suitable reward. Galloway Recs. 12-6-17.

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Fraternal Directory

L. O. O. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 859, Loyal Order of Moose holds regular meetings every Wednesday night at 8 p. m. in Eagle hall next to Elks' Bldg. on Washington Ave. Visitors always welcome. Dues payable at Young's Sweets. GEO. YOUNG, Dic. HARRY SWART, Sec.

B. P. O. E. ELKS, La Grande Lodge No. 423, Lodge meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Home and club privileges cheerfully extended to all Brother Elks. NORMAN DESILET, Exalted Ruler. ADNA B. ROGERS, Secretary.

K. & L. OF SECURITY—Mt. Emily Council No. 2648, Meets second and fourth Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at Eagle Hall. Visiting members are welcome. C. E. STITT, Pres. C. W. COOK, Fin. Sec. DORSEY BEAUMONT, Rec. Sec.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA—La Grande Camp No. 7763 meets on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month in the K. of P. Hall. Visiting neighbors welcome. H. E. DIXON, V. C. W. F. ASHMAN, Clerk.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—La Grande Camp No. 162 meets every first and third Monday at Eagles' Hall. All visiting neighbors welcome. ROBERT McLANE, C. C. JOHN A. READ, Clerk.

A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturday at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons. LOCKE B. MOE, W. M. A. C. WILLIAMS, Sec.

REBEKAHS—Crystal Lodge No. 59 meets every Tuesday evening in the I. O. O. F. Hall. All visiting members are invited to attend. STELLA WEBB, N. C. ROSA GLASS, Sec.

EMERALD TEMPLE NO. 170—Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan. Instituted Feb. 20, 1914. Meets the third Friday of each month at K. P. hall. All visiting Votaries welcome. H. C. REES, Secretary.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS—Iris Camp meets every second Friday afternoon and every fourth Friday evening, every month in K. P. hall. All visiting members cordially welcome. MINNIE BUNTING, Oracle. NELLIE V. VINACKE, Rec.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Red Cross Lodge No. 27 meets every Monday night in Castle Hall (K. of P. hall) A Pythian welcome to all visiting Knights. W. D. MCARTHY, C. C. DELILE GREEN, K. of R. & S.

O. E. S.—Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. S. holds stated communications the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Visiting members cordially welcomed. MYRTLE A. BROUGHTON, W. M. MARY A. WARNICK, Sec.

FARMERS URGED TO ADOPT BULK GRAIN SHIPMENTS

SCARCITY OF BAGS AND TONNAGE PROMISES CHANGE IN HANDLING WHEAT

War Conditions Bring Different Method of Transporting Inland Crop.

PORTLAND, Dec. 13. (Special.)—Scarcity of tonnage and the difficulty of getting burlap and bags from Calcutta form a combination which promises to make the system of shipping grain in bulk more general throughout the Pacific Northwest, than any other influence. In every part of the Inland Empire small elevators are going up and it is said that their construction would be considerably enlivened were it not for the high price of building material and machinery.

Should war conditions permit the resumption of shipping wheat to

Europe next season direct from the Pacific coast by the all-water route it is claimed that the principal portion of the surplus crop undoubtedly would be forwarded in bulk. By that time the elevator at St. Johns is expected to be sufficiently well along to permit its being utilized. The first unit of the structure will have a capacity of 1,000,000 bushels. Later this capacity is to be doubled.

Many Elevators Planned. Roughly there are more than 100 elevators completed or planned to be built in the wheat-growing country east of the Cascade mountains. Practically all of those ready for business have gone up in the last five years. Many of them have been built in the last year or so.

The total capacity of these elevators is in excess of 3,000,000 bushels. Many of them are modern and built of concrete. A. L. Russ, of the federal bureau of markets at Portland, says that the Farmers' Union, of Pendleton, is increasing its capital stock to \$200,000 for the purpose of erecting six more elevators along the Northern Pacific and O. W. R. & N. lines. Their capacity will vary from 50,000 to 100,000 bushels each.

Bags Uncertain Quantity. Mr. Russ declares that there is no question that elevators will be built at Joseph, Alsea, Imbler and Cove, in Union and Wallowa counties before the next crop will be ready to move. Throughout the grain belt the growers are anxious to escape the necessity of being obliged to use high priced bags, even if they should be obtainable, which, at the present moment appears doubtful. The quotation on bags at Pacific coast points is about 19 cents.

"I have been informed," Mr. Russ states, "that the cost of transporting bags and burlap from Calcutta to this coast amounts to \$100 a ton. When shipping conditions were normal this same service was provided at \$5.50 and \$6 a ton. I understand that sacks could be procured in Calcutta in ample quantities if there were ships available for bringing them over."

In ordinary years the Pacific

Northwest produces 130,000,000 bushels of grain, including wheat, oats, rye and barley. It is estimated that it would require 53,000,000 bags to "house" that amount of the crop. Last season the price of sacks was 14 cents and the cost of the number needed for meeting the requirements ran up to \$7,500,000.

"That sum invested in sacks," contends Mr. Russ, "would be adequate for the construction of 375 concrete elevators, each having a capacity of 50,000 bushels."

Millions Requisitioned. Burlap and grain bags are in heavy demand at the front, wheat, with the seeming unavailability of tonnage to bring them across the Pacific partly accounts for their high price. The British government has requisitioned 900,000,000 bags for trench purposes. Many millions more are expected to be needed by other allied countries for a similar use.

This condition is having the effect of driving the farmers to the expediency of making arrangements to terminals in bulk. Naturally they will send their surplus crop to those ports which are provided with facilities for handling bulk shipments. When both units of the elevator at St. Johns have been completed Portland will have the best facilities in the Pacific Northwest for taking care of grain to be shipped under this method. The capacity of the elevator then will be 2,000,000 bushels. In addition there are other small elevators at Portland owned by private firms.

LEGAL NOTICES.

Annual Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the United States National Bank of La Grande, will be held at their banking rooms on Tuesday, January 8th at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before said meeting.

T. J. SCROGGIN, Cashier.

Christmas Talk at The Toggergy

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Slippers ..... \$1.50 to \$3.50
Auto Gloves ..... \$2.50 to \$8.00
Dress Gloves ..... \$1.75 to \$3.50
Sweaters, all kinds, \$3.50 to \$15.00
Shirts, fiber silk, \$1.00 to \$8.50
Collar Cases ..... \$1.50 to \$3.00
Bride Sets ..... \$1.50
Big line of new, up-to-date Wool Hats, something new ..... \$2.00
Ladies' Suits, custom made ..... \$40.00 to \$65.00
Men's Suits, custom made ..... \$35.00 to \$65.00
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Silk Sox ..... 50c to \$2.00
Ready-made Suits \$15.00 to \$25.00
Ready-made Overcoats ..... \$14.00 to \$26.00
Shoes Hanan \$9.00, Harlow \$5.00
Bat-tre-all ..... \$8.00
Work Shoes ..... \$3.00
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Hats, Stetson ..... \$2.50 to \$5.00

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